

Sagamore Hills Civic Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting by Zoom due to COVID precautions
February 8, 2022 – 7:30 pm

Board Members Present: Don McChesney, Mike Miller, James Rissler, Keith Petroni, Vickie Moreland, Bonnie Walker, Eddy Rhinehart, Nancy Love, Don Broussard, Sandra Reeder, Margaret Cone, Lynsey Barron, Lillianette Cook, Jay Leslie

Lynsey Barron and Don Broussard joined late

Board Members Absent: none

Guests: none

Call to order

Meeting called to order by President D. McChesney at 7:31 pm.

Minutes prepared by J. Rissler.

Quorum: 12/14 board members

Board Chart - D. Broussard

Add Nancy Love to zoning

Nominating Committee is E. Rhinehart, J. Rissler, K. Petroni, and V. Moreland

Approval of Minutes

Jan. 11 meeting minutes affirmed unanimously as written.

Motion to affirm made by S. Reeder and seconded by M. Cone.

Treasurer's Report

Report provided by K. Petroni prior to the meeting

- began year with \$32,000
- received about \$9,000 in January
- about 42 members joined in January, and another 28 already in February
- 98 at end of January vs. 105 at that point in 2021, over 130 total now
- \$69,000 in money market account

Old Business

- Website (S. Reeder) - Brad will be in touch with FixRunner tomorrow or Thursday; it should take 15 minutes and then FixRunner can update website
 - Sandra will be in touch with Tina Kalvalage to contact Brad if he hasn't addressed this by Friday
 - "neighborhood directory" under "members" on website has those who have paid dues in bold
- Radar Detection Signs on Alderbrook

- V. Moreland - the Catherine Schwenkler family on Alderbrook expressed six months ago a willingness to help with battery change out for a portable sign - bottom of Alderbrook where intersects with Black Fox
 - need something to attach the sign to, and a permit from the county (nothing in Schwenkler's yard)
 - another great location would be where Timberland comes into Alderbrook
- M. Miller - 8 speed limit signs on each side of Alderbrook between SHES and La Vista - 1622 Alderbrook has a portable sign already
- cost is about \$2000 for a portable one
 - J. Leslie - we should get a solar panel one like on Black Fox (\$4000)
 - K. Petroni - let's buy two and find the people to take care of them - we have the money
- **motion to purchase two solar signs to be installed on Alderbrook Road** - J. Leslie, second by M. Miller
 - seek permits first?
 - **J. Leslie withdraws motion and makes motion that we explore locations for two solar signs on Alderbrook**, D. Broussard seconds
 - K. Petroni - **amendment to purchase if we find suitable locations and obtain permits**
 - **motion passes unanimously**
 - V. Moreland will follow up with C. Schwenkler
 - D. Broussard will see if neighbors near Timberland and Alderbrook would be willing to have sign on their property
 - L. Barron will post on Facebook page to see if there are volunteers to host signs
 - D. Broussard will seek permits once locations identified
 - someone should also move the portable sign from Beveridges

Land Use Report – V. Moreland (see report copied below)

- GDOT concept review did not pass muster, so designers are back to drawing board; no public hearings until late summer
 - put blurb in Signal
- zoning issue - home being used as business at Clairmont and Black Fox?
 - 12 vehicles there once, lots of debris
 - M. Cone called county a couple times - need to send pictures
 - L. Barron - maybe just several workers rooming together?
 - J. Leslie and L. Barron will meet to discuss, D. Broussard will join them and V. Moreland
- Turtle Bridge - D. McChesney texted Jeff Rader yesterday for update, but no response - Jeff Rader previously said that he was working on it

- after lengthy discussion, about how the board has communicated with the Grosses in the past, the sense of the meeting articulated by D. McChesney was that the matter is in the county's hands
- N. Love and D. McChesney will consider what kind of update might be put in the Signal

Administration and Communications Report - E. Rhinehart

- website and membership covered above
- Signal - articles in by Feb. 10

Community Relations Report - N. Love (see report copied below)

- Jeff Rader wants SHCA to be a co-host with other neighborhood associations for a constituent meeting on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 at 2pm at Frasier Row Park - "Rader's Recap" (N. Love) **motion by N. Love, second by K. Petroni**
 - S. Reeder - does this look like we're endorsing Jeff Rader?
 - N. Love - he's the office holder, so it's okay
 - B. Walker - our bylaws state that we're nonpartisan and nonsectarian
 - 8 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstentions - motion passes

New Business / Additional Reports

- N. Love - new voting maps may change districting:
 - commission voted 7-0 to create new voting map where district 2 changes a lot
 - legislature has proposal to get rid of super districts - all 7 districts would be equal size
- D. McChesney - if people come looking for help, if feel can't handle, then call 911
- E. Rhinehart - nominating committee met and are moving forward to approach some people
 - N. Love - people who paid last year are considered members until March 31
- M. Miller - security - should we be facilitating security patrols checking on homes for out of town homeowners?
 - D. McChesney - anyone can look up off duty patrol persons' official Dekalb email addresses and email them
 - N. Love - want this to be for membership; we're just saying that we'll ask officers to keep an eye out

March meeting (March 8, 7:30)

D. McChesney - hopefully in person

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm

Community Relations Report, submitted by Nancy Love

New Neighbors

Please please please if you know a house with new neighbors in it, let Margaret Cone know. She and committee member, Helen Fredrick want to welcome new folks to the neighborhood but with houses turning over without ever going on the open market or through a realtor their task gets more difficult. We can help by relaying information about changes on our street.

Security

Vance Van Hees left the DeKalb Police for a job in the private sector, necessarily meaning since we hire off-duty police, he left our SHCA employ as well. The Security Committee interviewed and hired Jason Spruill who you'll read more about in the Signal and he has already started. In process, again, is the search for another cop.

Schools

Next Signal will also have info about a contest to make a tree on Sagamore Elementary's campus famous. Eddie will fill in these details.

Events

Your opportunity to meet Commissioner Jeff Rader is coming! Jeff Rader wants to meet with his constituents for a recap of events during last year. He is asking Sagamore residents to come to the Pavilion in Frazier-Rowe Park at 2 pm Saturday, February 19 to meet in person with him. Other Rader's Recaps will be publicized for virtual and other Park dates, times, and places. He is asking us, SHCA, to be co-host the February 19th event. ON AGENDA PLEASE, DON

CAN

A zoom Virtual meeting to discuss current proposals to eliminate Commission Super Districts is being contemplated for Thursday, February 10. More detail at Board meeting

Land Use Report

Beautification

Will schedule subcommittee meeting prior to March board meeting.

Zoning

Clairmont Road – GDOT

See message below received from GDOT Project Manager, Zebedee Martin on 1/18:

For public involvement, the preliminary design went through a review with GDOT management and that review has yield some changes that the project team will need to address. GDOT management has asked that project team make the changes and send it back to them for review before they will approve the project for the Public Information Open House. The new time frame that we are aiming for is late spring/summer of 2022.

It is noted that no response was received regarding prior request for crash data.

Turtle Creek Bridge

SHCA President Don McChesney has had several conversations with Commissioner Rader regarding status of the bridge and the Association's prior requests to and input from the County. The commissioner has offered assurance that he is on it. County vehicles were seen on location on 1/24.

Speeding on Alderbrook Drive and other streets used for non-neighborhood traffic

Don Broussard received information from Dave Pelton, Dekalb Transportation that a permit is required for driver feedback signs.

Sandra Reeder has suggested a task force.

Driver feedback signs on Clairmont Road

After resending his email to GDOT, Don Broussard did receive response that the permits for these signs would have been issued by the District 7 traffic engineer. He has not received a response from the District.

Code Compliance

Code compliance issue at 2399 Clairmont Road

Issue brought to Committee's attention by Margaret Cone regarding a business operating at this location. Subcommittee will schedule meeting and address.